

Don Cox, a Bisbee, AZ native, was born on September 25, 1954 to James D. Cox, also a Bisbee native and Darlene G. Cox. Don began his art career at a young age. As a 4-year-old kindergartner from Greenway School he won a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon at the Cochise County Fair for a drawing he did of a Tombstone stagecoach.

From grade school through high school, Don excelled in art. After graduating from Bisbee High School in 1973, Don attended California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, CA - one of the top 10 art schools in the U.S.

In 1975 Don returned to Arizona to attend the University of Arizona. Don received a Bachelors of Fine Arts in 1977 and then started the Master's program at the University of Arizona. After a year in the Master's program and teaching art for the City of Tucson, Don returned to Bisbee and built Bisbee Art Foundry at the family business - Bisbee Motor Company.

Being able to cast bronze in his own foundry Don produced many sculptures over the years for both public and private collections. Some of these are:

- 6 Bronzes for the Fort Huachuca Post Museum;
- Columbian Mammoth and Hunters for the Lehner Mammoth Kill-Site on the San Pedro River at Hereford, AZ;
- A 3-foot diameter bronze deputy badge for the Cochise County Sheriff's office in their head-quarter's lobby;
- A 15 x 40 re-creation of the façade of the 1900 Owl's Club Building in Tucson, AZ.

Don also taught sculpture and drawing at Cochise College - both the Douglas and Sierra Vista campuses - for seven years. From portraits and pets to historical and wildlife, Don continues to create in bronze.

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To: Cochise County Board of Supervisors  
Patrick Call  
✓ Ann English  
Richard Searle

June 14, 2013

From: James E. Warne Jr.

Re: Conditional Gift to the People of Cochise County

Some three years ago Don Cox, an accomplished sculptor and (another) Bisbee native, was commissioned by the Warne Family to develop two bronze figures fashioned from the photo of George Warren originally used to depict the miner included on "The Great Seal of Arizona". Our intentions were to present them to the People of the State of Arizona and to the People of Cochise County, each placed in a select location for respective citizens to enjoy and be forever reminded of the importance of mining and the significance of Cochise County regarding Arizona's heritage.

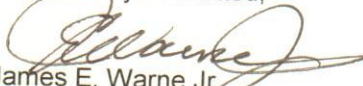
The first bronze was accepted by and presented to the State on its 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary where it remains at the entrance to the Governor's office at the capitol. Please refer to the following enclosures submitted for your review.

1. A photo with the writer on the left and Don Cox and the Governor on the right of the bronze.
2. A four-page (5 1/2" x 11 1/2") pamphlet supplied for those interested in a short historical read. (The location listed on the cover page would obviously be changed for Cochise County purposes.)
3. A copy of our *Agreement for Conditional Gift* with the State of Arizona. (Hopefully a similar document can be developed for Cochise County.)
4. An introduction of Don Cox. (For those unfamiliar with him.)
5. Copy displayed on the plate placed at the beveled surface of the stand upon which the bronze is set. (See cover page of the four-page pamphlet.)

The writer has been in touch with Jack Ladd a life-long friend and Joel Borowiec a contemporary of Don Cox, each of whom is knowledgeable of the potential gift and its purpose. Pending approval by the Board of Directors, it is hoped that a spot in the complex on Melody Lane might be found as an appropriate location to situate the gift.

It is respectfully requested that consideration be given to the gift's acceptance, timing, delivery and the manner in which any presentation may be made. The writer is available to answer any questions and work out details to your satisfaction. Mr. Cox has informed the writer that he intends to have his work completed by the end of this month and will be visiting relatives in the area, so could possibly be available as well.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James E. Warne Jr.  
The Warne Family

Copy: Jack Ladd  
Joel Borowiec





